Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 16 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 17 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 16 Jan 2021 at 04:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for plenty of snowfall above mid levels over the coming days. The main uncertainty relates to the detail from Tuesday with some large changes in the forecast possible.

Headline for Saturday 16 Jan 2021: Windy with wintry showers, some longer spells of rain or summit snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 16 Jan 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Heavy snow showers	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
60%	80%	80%	40%	30%	20%

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Weather: Frequent sowers or longer spells of rain or snow until mid-afternoon. Snow confined to the very highest tops but the snow level dropping to 800 metres from midday. Showers becoming less widespread from mid-afternoon but turning to snow down to 600 metres from then onwards.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% at best with any breaks fleeting and unreliable.

Visibility: With the main cloud base around 500-700m, visibility will be often as little as a few hundred metres. Whiteout conditions also a frequent occurrence at higher elevations in the afternoon. Visibility much improved on lower slopes away from showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	43/53 S	41/50 SW	45/57 W	45/57 W	40/51 W	36/46 W	32/42 W
900	29/39 S	29/38 SW	31/41 W	32/44 W	27/38 W	26/36 W	23/33 W
600	43/51 S	39/47 SW	35/45 W	33/44 W	29/39 W	27/36 SW	24/32 W
300	21/31 S	21/31 SW	21/34 W	19/30 W	15/24 W	13/22 W	12/21 W
Glen	13/28 SW	16/31 SW	18/36 W	15/32 W	12/26 W	11/25 W	9/22 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-1/-11	-1/-10	-2/-12	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14
900	0/-8	1/-7	1/-7	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10
600	4/-4	3/-4	3/-4	2/-6	1/-6	0/-7	0/-6
300	5/0	6/1	5/0	4/-0	3/-2	3/-2	2/-2
Glen	7/4	7/3	7/3	6/3	5/1	5/1	4/1
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1100m	800m	700m	600m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Forecast for Sunday 17 Jan 2021

Weather: Fresh to strong westerly winds will bring further showers of rain, sleet and snow as well as some bright or sunny intervals. Snow falling down to 500m through morning, rising to 800m by evening.

Maximum wind: West 20-30 gusting 35-40mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% with cloud rather persistent above 600m although passing showers will bring cloud bases down to 400m at times. Best shelter likely across The Trossachs.

Visibility: No issues away from showers with neighbouring slopes clearly visible. Brief whiteout conditions during snow showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** 2-4C rising 5 or 6C.
At 800m: -2C.
Freezing level: 800m rising 1000m.

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